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## STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Freedom Convoy 2022 / Operation BearHug 2.0 Operational Intelligence Overview

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### KEY INFORMATION

1. A nationally organized anti-government movement comprised of anti-mandate affinity groups who oppose COVID-19 public health restrictions have mobilized large numbers of commercial transport trucks and passenger vehicles to Ottawa as part of an occupation action titled "Freedom Convoy 2022" and "Operation BearHug 2.0".
2. Currently stationed around the Parliament Hill area of Ottawa are approximately five-hundred (500) transport trucks; some are reportedly immobilized through deliberate acts to prevent or delay enforcement actions.
3. A number of support convoys and large demonstrations have materialized since the occupation began with messaging that more actions are anticipated until the government repeals public health restrictions and COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

### NEW INFORMATION SINCE LAST STRATEGIC REPORT

Refer to "NOTABLES" section below on page 11 and 12 for updates of interest since the last Strategic report that was disseminated on the February 4, 2022.

#### Recap of Police Information and Observations as captured in Hendon Report # 036-2022;

- The City of Ottawa has declared a State of Emergency.
- The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) issued a social media message advising that anyone providing material support to blockade participants could be subject to arrest.
- OPP reporting noted that on 2022-02-06, while issuing a ticket to a protestor, two uniformed OPS members were surrounded by other protestors described as vocal and aggressive. A convoy participant reportedly intervened to de-escalate the situation.
- OPP members observed increased tensions and verbal confrontations between convoy participants and counter-protestors, who mainly appeared to be Ottawa residents.



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## Summary of Open Source Information

Social media messaging in response to the OPS advisory about arresting individual providing material support to the demonstrators stated:

- if the blockade were illegal, the police would already have arrested everyone
- the police were engaging in harassment and potential police brutality
- the police were bluffing
- protestors should defend themselves against the police using heavy sticks or pool cues being used as flag poles.

Social media messaging suggests that individuals are collecting donated supplies in northern Ontario and transporting them to the blockade in Ottawa. The most recent social media captured at 1054 hours this date indicates that they have departed North Bay and are enroute to Ottawa.

A video was identified of an interview of [REDACTED] in which:

- [REDACTED] claims that OPP officers refused him the use of a shuttle to go to the stage (possibly referring to a stage reported to be on Wellington Street), resulting in him being carried for three blocks ([REDACTED] currently has a cast on one leg);
- [REDACTED] mused as to the potential significance of different police services being in Ottawa;
- an individual identified as a lawyer for the blockade organizers indicated that GiveSendGo has assured them in writing that under no circumstances would the company withhold donations;
- [REDACTED] also claims that he was contacted by [REDACTED], connecting him with his "executive team" for fundraising and to ensure that they have no issues with censorship;
- an individual self-identifies as [REDACTED] and states that the Twitter page "@[REDACTED]", which is noted on the convoy's daily reports, is his Twitter page;
- the interviewees claim that the only blockades are the ones that the police have established.

An online video shows a construction bin full of what appears to be chunks of concrete. The individuals filming claimed that they were rocks that the police were preparing to use against them even though they are not violent.

A social media message depicts the bin being removed: the caption claims that the farmers made the police move it. (*Police reporting confirmed that the bin was full of material from a building renovation and had been in place for some time.*) An online video depicts individuals, apparently at the blockade in Ottawa, discussing getting people with jerry cans to surround the police. Other social media asks people to come to the blockade and walk around with empty jerry cans to distract the police.

Social media messaging encourages people to carry fuel in discreet containers such as canteens and Thermos bottles.

In an online video, [REDACTED] claims that his sources inside police had advised him that the government has opted to use "brute force" and that hundreds of RCMP Public Order Units are being bused in and mass arrests would happen overnight. He also states that all cell phone service in the



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area of the blockade would be shut down. He also claims that these orders were coming directly from the top and from "the State".

Social media messaging in the name of the OTTAWA FREEDOM COLLECTIVE is calling for volunteers to watch the stage in shifts to report any suspicious activity.

Social media messaging that Canada Unity has moved its Command Centre from Confederation Park to 1500 Bronson Avenue in Ottawa.

## SITUATION

A nationally organized anti-government movement comprised of anti-mandate / anti-government affinity groups who oppose the public health driven response to the COVID-19 pandemic mobilized a large number of commercial transport trucks and passenger vehicles destined to arrive at Parliament Hill, Ottawa, on or about January 28 and 29, 2022. Organizers branded the action: Freedom Convoy 2022 and Operation. BearHug 2.0. The national organizers, along with approximately twenty (20) Road Captains have stated an intent to pressure the Federal Government into repealing all COVID-19 restrictions and / or compelling Prime Minister TRUDEAU to resign, and dissolve the Federal Government. Protest actions included serving an M.O.U. to the Senate, and creating an occupation with trucks parked around the main roads in the parliamentary creating a gridlock (bear hug).

The mobilization plan included detailed logistics for routes, departure times, fueling, layovers, and identified regional Road Captains in each province of the country. Through the crowdfunding platform GO FUND ME, the organizers were able to raise in excess of CAD \$10,000,000. The original stated goal was to raise CAD \$500,000. A secondary fundraising effort specific to lodging out of town truckers was undertaken by organizers in the Ottawa area using the Christian based crowdfunding platform GIVE SEND GO. The Adopt-A-Trucker campaign raised: CAD \$236,599, by February 4, 2022.

Convoys began arriving and staging in the Parliament Hill area of Ottawa on or about January 28, 2022; with the final complement arriving January 29, 2022. Since that time, the downtown core of Ottawa has been overrun with 'truckers' and supporters in the thousands. The first two days of the protest/occupation were very active with high spirits and large crowds. Participants displayed a number of anti-Semitic, racially and politically charged flags, symbols, and semiotics associated with fringe or extremist ideology. Media and social media commentary drew parallels between the Freedom Convoy 2022 and the U.S. insurrection on January 6, 2021. Consistently organizers have emphasized their movement did not include nor would tolerate violence. Rather quickly, protesters took to setting up various stations to service their needs. A number of speeches were delivered by organizers. An unsanctioned "Indigenous" ceremony took place in Confederation Park which has incurred a number of responses from First Nations who have stated they do not condone the Freedom Convoy.



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**SCOPE – Please see Appendix “A” for MAPS.**

Approximately 500 transport trucks are located near the Parliament Hill and downtown core of Ottawa. Protesters have stationed trucks in a manner so as to create a ‘gridlock’ of the downtown and have staged in a manner that has created a cordoned village-type area controlled by the occupiers. On 2022-FEB-08, OPP Field Intelligence reported the truck and vehicle count within the downtown core including the Coventry location equalled 542; dispersed in clusters at the following eight (8) areas:

1. Rideau and Sussex = 32 CMV’s and 30 support vehicles.
2. Wellington between Elgin and Metcalfe = 23 CMV’s (4 with trailers), 10 support vehicles.
3. Metcalfe from Wellington south to Gloucester = 48 total vehicles.
4. Wellington between Metcalfe and Kent = 55 CMV’s, 35 support vehicles.
5. Bank south from Wellington to Nepean = 32 vehicles.
6. Kent south to McLaren = 133 vehicles.
7. Lyon from Wellington = 27 vehicles
8. Sir John A MacDonald west from Booth = 18 CMV’s (4 with trailers), 30 support vehicles

Additionally there is one more area where trucks are stationed a distance of approximately 4 km away on Coventry Rd, logistics area.

9. 302 Coventry Rd = 11 CMV’s (no trailers), 90 support vehicles, 6 trailers used as part of the encampment for storage. Three sauna’s on trailers, 5 campers and 4 transport trailers outside main encampment.

**Area 1: Rideau & Sussex** – Police observed a mix of Ontario and Quebec licence plates. This area has been primarily occupied by a group known as the FARFADAA, from Quebec, since 2022-FEB-02. Interactions with police have been satisfactory; although, the group is known to be uncooperative with police. The individual who chained their vehicle to a light post has not been challenged to remove it in an attempt to avoid inflaming the group. CIG received information from Gatineau Police reported the FARFADAA have received supplies (charcoal, wooded palettes and fuel) to their location at the ZIBI parking lot. An attempt to remove FARFADAA by the ZIBI parking lot owner has not been successful. During a speech, FARFADAA member [REDACTED] stated that he ‘will only leave once he has regained his freedom or when he is dead.’ CIG could not corroborate this information through open source.



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**Area 2: Wellington St. between Elgin St. and Metcalf St.** – Police observed transport trucks, pickup trucks, and Ottawa Police cruisers.



**Area 3: Metcalfe St. from Wellington St. south to Gloucester St** – Police noted the roadway from Queen St to Albert St on Metcalfe St is unobstructed; however, the south side of the intersection is blocked at Metcalfe and Albert streets.



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**Area 4: Wellington St. between Metcalfe St and Kent St.** – Police observations report this stretch of roadway is filled with trucks. Police could not obtain photos of this area.

**Area 5: Bank St south of Wellington St. to Nepean St.** – Police observations noted mix of licence plates from different provinces. Trucks were observed in a continuous line beginning at Laurier Ave. all the way down to Nepean St, one southbound lane remains open.



**Area 6: Kent St. south to McLaren St.** – Police observations reported Queen St. Road is blocked south of Lisgar St. to Somerset Ave; all lanes blocked. Licence plates were observed from: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. **An immobilized passenger vehicle (on**

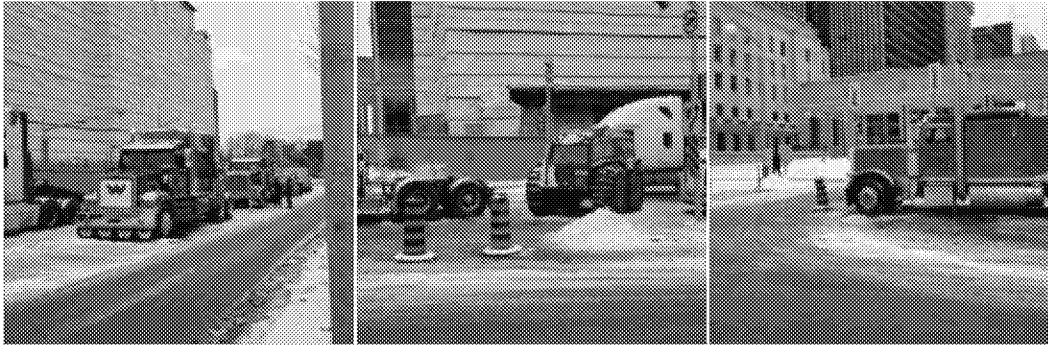


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blocks) was observe at Kent St. and Laurier Ave; Ontario license plate: [REDACTED]



**Area 7: Lyon St. from Wellington St.** – Police observations trucks line one side of the road with one open and no disabled trucks.



**Area 8: Sir John A Macdonald Parkway east of Booth St** – Police observations noted portable toilettes installed along the median dividing the roadway.



**Area 9: 302 Coventry Rd** – This area is a private property parking lot for a hotel and retail space. On 2022-FEB-08, police observed approximately 11 CMV's, 90 support vehicles, tents, numerous portable toilettes, and supplies. Fifty to sixty people walking around the site, 6 transport trailers used for storage, 3 sauna's on trailers, 5 campers as well as 4 transport trailers outside the main encampment



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### **ROUTING & INFRASTRUCTURE**

There are five (5) interprovincial bridges between downtown Ottawa Ontario and Gatineau Quebec. These are the most used exit routes from Ottawa to Quebec. From east to west is the **MacDonald Cartier Bridge, Alexandra Bridge, Portage Bridge, Chaudière Crossing** (aka Booth St) and **Island Park Drive Bridge**. Most are experiencing lane reductions or closures owing to the protest with the situation remaining fluid.

Alternate exit routes by vehicle include: access to Highway 417 eastbound utilizing Laurier Ave. and the Vanier Parkway. Or, Highway 417 westbound can be accessed from north/south roads and most commonly Bronson Ave.

Access to Quebec is hindered by police lane reductions or complete closures. The RCMP has closed the south bound lanes of the MacDonald Cartier Bridge. The Alexandra Bridge is closed. Ottawa Police have closed the south bound lanes of the Portage Bridge. Ottawa Police has closed the Wellington eastbound lanes between Booth St. and Bay St. limiting access to the Portage and Booth St Bridges. Ottawa police have closed access to the Sir John A MacDonald parkway eastbound lanes limiting downtown traffic seeking to access the Island Park Drive Bridge for Quebec.

Access to Highway 417 is achievable using Nicholas St, Bronson Ave. Laurier St. east of the protest, and the Vanier Parkway. There are the main routes to access Highway 417 east and west, as well as the option of using side streets. The main road closures surrounding the core protest area from Wellington St., from Elgin St. to Bay St. and as far south as Albert St which are also subject to lane reductions or closures.

There are license plates from Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec. The mix of licence plates from various provinces at each intersection may suggest that the truck drivers do not know each other and have staged in a random formation rather than in a strategically organized manner. **Most intersections are staged with large trucks or tractors within meters of the intersection which would allow for rapid mobilization to block an intersection entirely.**





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Should the overall situation deteriorate, intersections which are currently open could close quickly and with ease. Additional closures could be initiated by police or by protestors. If closures are accomplished by protestors, removal efforts would be arduous, time consuming, and require specialized equipment. Police observations have noted hear utterances that truckers may undertake efforts to disable their rigs, letting compressed air out of their brake systems to render it more difficult for police to tow their trucks without specialized equipment.

**Intelligence Gap:** Total square kilometers affected; distances between intersections and egress routes.

## LOGISTICS

### 1. Communications

- a. **CB radios, LADD 2:** messaging issued prior to mobilization advised all participants in convoys to purchase a "road radio", an easily acquired low cost device.
- b. **"Zello Walkie Talkie" App:** this cross-platform smart phone application enables two-way-radio communications between parties. Multiple convoy channels were created and remain open to the public for listening. Channel information was posted to social media as well as located on pre-made notes left at truck stops. Channel chats are comprised of both convoy participants and supporters with interjections from persons who appear to be located worldwide. Each channel has a number of moderators who enforce content, rules have been established that forbid foul language, swearing, political rhetoric, negativity, and/or dialogue that may incite violence or unrest. Members who violate these rules appear to be blocked by the moderators.
- c. Zello appears to be used primarily as a means of communicating immediate logistical information to and from truckers (i.e. directions, where to meet, if anyone needs fuel, food, and other general provisions). The channel chats are ongoing and flooded with support messages, children's voices thanking truckers for their sacrifice. There are repeated messages to convey that this action is a peaceful protest and reminders to not engage in any mischief or public disorder. Witnesses of this type of behaviour are encouraged to contact police and record the event if they can do so safely. Some individuals have stated they are also aware of who belongs at these sites and will be able to identify those who are there to start trouble. The identity of the moderators and speakers are unknown at this time.

**NOTE:** In a video shared through social media in the early hours of 2022-FEB-03, Toronto area main organizer [REDACTED] indicated the protest as a whole is suffering from a lack of communication, which he indicated efforts to resolve are underway between organizers. If organizers can better coordinate their communication, it may translate into better coordinated actions.

**Intelligence Gap:** The moderators are unknown. It is unknown if private channels can be created.

### 2. Supplies

- a. Field intelligence reporting indicates many of the truckers have stated they do not have to pay for anything while they are positioned around Ottawa. Large fuel resupply trucks have



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been observed filling up fuel cans with both gasoline and diesel to keep the trucks in working order and support vehicles locked into the protest areas. Slip tanks, jerry cans, and at time unauthorized containers have been used to transport fuel.

- b. On 2022-02-02 officers observed a GMC Sierra on Elgin St. across from the Lord Elgin Hotel with a fuel tank mounted in the box. The tank appeared to be 600 litres in capacity. People were seen filling 25L jerry cans and walking them up Elgin St to the protest area.
- c. People are seen frequently observed responding to different areas carrying fuel containers throughout the day.
- d. There are numerous 'supply stations' located across Wellington that contain quantities of diesel exhaust fluid as well as antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and other vehicle maintenance supplies such as batteries.
- e. These are all free for people to take as needed and these areas did not appear to be monitored. They also appear to have mechanics on ground that can respond to driver's requests for any minor repairs that may be needed. (Information shared by organizers prior to the mobilization of the convoy reported they would be bringing qualified mechanics to service transport trucks and heavy machinery.)

### 3. Food

- a. There are many food stations set up, these were noted primarily on Wellington, which offer food and drink to anybody free of charge.
- b. Many of these locations are housed within a tent and generally have a propane stove heating up water, coffee, and soup.
- c. Stockpiles of snacks are also in bins outside most of these areas and appear to be constantly replenished.
- d. On 2022-FEB-02, a large shipment of uncooked pizzas was delivered to the intersection of Queen and Lyon. Several wood burning pizza ovens have been installed with a tent and numerous servers. This drew long line ups that consisted of supporters as well as truckers.
- e. On the canal side of Confederation Park supporters have set up a commercial grade barbeque, where they have been serving food and drinks.
- f. In addition to these static locations there is a heavy flow of pedestrian supporters on foot. Many of which are families with children, who have been observed to walking around offering homemade sandwiches and various snacks to the protesters and truckers.
- g. Some cargo trailers have also been observed that contained stacks of beer cans.
- h. Open containers of alcohol are commonly observed.

### 4. Showers/ hygiene

- a. Information learned through the Zello app and corroborated by interactions with truckers, indicates organizers have circulated a list with protester friendly locations where showers are available.
- b. There is also a Facebook page that is called "Adopt-A-Trucker" where truckers can sign up to be shuttled by volunteers to people's homes in order to shower etc. [Ottawa area organizers established a fundraiser via the Christian-based crowdfunding platform, GiveSendGo. – needs expanding.]



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- c. There are also portable toilets that have been brought in and distributed throughout the protest locations that anyone can use. At least one portable toilette has been observed on Wellington attached to a flatbed truck as well. There are also portable toilette set up by Confederation Park under the Nicholas St Bridge.

## 5. Atmosphere

- a. During the day there is still a mix of families and supporters walking around the protest locations. Many are carrying support posters and actively interacting with truckers. The truck horns are going off all day long with short lulls of silence. The horns continue to go off even during support speeches throughout the day.
- b. The speeches are staged on a platform truck under a large crane directly in front of the hill. Groups of supporters congregate in this area and listen to speeches and dance in an open area between the stage and the trucks.
- c. The overall mood appears to be very supportive of the truckers. Some of the trucks observed housed families with young children and dogs sitting in them throughout the day.
- d. Some groups of protestors were shouting "shame" as officers walked past.

## 6. Locations of Note

- a. The **Corner of Sussex and Rideau** (Area 1) appears to have a slightly more aggressive stance to their protest. (FARFADAA) Some have chained their vehicles to light standards and posts, trucks constantly revving and exciting the crowd. This is also a location where they discharged smoke devices filling the air with colored clouds – possibly testing police in increments seeking a response. Sporadic bull horn speeches take place there throughout the day and draw crowds of spectators. As dusk approaches darker fires both open pit and propane are observed throughout the route. Lots of music and dancing – the number of families appear to diminish and a younger crowd joins in with music and dancing. People are observed to be walking around with alcohol throughout the locations at all times of the day.
- b. 302 Coventry Rd – Overflow Camp, logistical support, re fueling, supplies. (Area 9)  
The Boat has been observed at this location. (SS TRUDEAU)
- c. Social media messaging that Canada Unity has moved its Command Centre from Confederation Park to 1500 Bronson Avenue in Ottawa (old CSE building)

## DEMONSTRATORS – see Appendix B

In a press release arranged by national organizers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] it was learned the Freedom Convoy consists of about 40 to 50 individuals involved in the organization. There are national organizers and road captains representing every province. Each road captain is responsible for their own group of truckers. National organizers [REDACTED]



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██████████ are associated with Canada-Unity. Another national organizer of note is ██████████ who along with ██████████ have created their own camp that is somewhat optically distanced from ██████████'s Group. Ottawa area organizers were identified as ██████████ while Ex-RCMP Corporal ██████████ rounds out the leadership of the group. A regional organizer, ██████████, is also notable from where he appears steadfast in accomplishing a change of government.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS

### Police Interactions:

The majority of police interactions have been uneventful. OPS and OPP PLT had engaged with organizers and have maintained open lines of communication. OPS has reported that some uniform interactions with protesters (truckers) have not been as smooth and note that when there is perception that police are taking an enforcement posture it incurs a negative reaction within the group. An example was provided where when PLT approached organizers to remove a stock pile of propane canisters and jerry cans in Confederation Park, it was met with cooperation. Officers assess that had the same request been made by uniformed members the result would not be the same.

### Organizers Situation Reports:

A total of nine (9) Freedom Convoy 2022 Daily Event and Safety Reports were located on a public google doc drive. These reports detail strategies, assessments of police, and advance messaging to the broader protest group. The documents provide valuable insight into the mindset of the organizers and participants. They also contain information regarding advance planning and preparation, as well as ongoing day-to-day tactical and logistical planning. A deeper analysis of these documents is recommended.

Information shared during a nearly fifty (50) minute press conference held by ██████████ revealed this movement appears to address deeply rooted political grievances going back a number of years. Organizers cited supply chain issues owed to globalization, China's monopoly on auto-parts, and take in a number of other issue specific grievances that pre-date the COVID-19 pandemic. These individuals appear to fundamentally oppose what ██████████ identified as the "Progressivism"; "The Great Reset"; and "Post National Agenda" – all of which they allege TRUDEAU is at the forefront. Key points from the interview:

- They opened the conference by stating they have nothing but time.
- ██████████ appear to have a vested interest accomplishing a change of government, exhibit a greater than average understanding of political issues, legal knowledge, and a motivation to collapse the current political regime. (Possibly world-wide).
- In the press conference they committed to saying they have an organization of between 40 and 50 people, including the road captains.
- They also appear very well versed in legal strategies and indicated they have nothing but time and an abundance of resources.



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Ideologically, all of the representatives from the groups who have assembled to organize this action collectively espouse a fundamental belief that the Federal and Provincial government(s) have violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms – which is why a portion of the movement has been fueled by Sovereign Citizen and / or Freeman of the Land ideals. Some of the groups represented, such as Police on Guard, launched a constitutional challenge against the provincial and federal governments as well as several Chiefs of Police in relation to the approach to the pandemic. Among the multitude of contentious issues at play are:

- That there is no “emergency” as per the Emergency Management and Civil Protections Act;
  - That religious gatherings and protests are exempt from restrictions, as protected by the Charter;
  - That Ontario’s pandemic laws have no force or effect in law;
  - That the measures undertaken are ineffectual; and
- That none of the prescribed Charter violations are “saved” by section 1 of the Charter.

Further, in terms of the actions of police officers:

- “That a police constable cannot ... be directed how, when and in what circumstances, to lay a charge against an individual and thus dictate discretion”.

## Counter-Demonstration

Individuals who oppose the truck occupation have undertaken to commit nighttime vandalism of trucks and allegedly banging on doors in an attempt to disrupt sleeping demonstrators. As well, there have been reports of nails and other sharp objects placed near truck tires.

## NOTABLES for FEBRUARY 4, 2022

- PLT delivered message to Protest group at Confederation Park from Algonquin Nation asking for the structure to be removed.
- OPS provided 11:00 hours brief: 500 trucks, many are demobilized – flat tires, transmission issues, chains are around the tires.
- Field intelligence has reported overhearing [REDACTED] tell supporters if they cannot travel to attend Ottawa that they should consider staging events in their own municipalities.

## NOTABLES for FEBRUARY 5, 2022

- Reports Queen [REDACTED] was planning to bomb Parliament via the tunnel system. RMCP INSET is investigating
- Some demonstrators were observed strapping together barricades to facilitate moving them.
- An increase in demonstrators were observed bringing in fuel containers and propane tanks into the Wellington St protest zone comparative to previous days.



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- Canada Unity Group Facebook page advises that organizers have indicated that they will be leaving Confederation Park out of respect for First Nations.
- A video of MPP Randy HILLIER in which he says; "I'm telling everybody, and I'm telling that coward in the cottage, this is the hill we die on!".
- Counter protest at city hall of approximately 500 persons.

## NOTABLES for FEBRUARY 6, 2022

- OSINT indicates that 1500 Bronson (Old CSE building) is the new command center. One camper, one backhoe and a few vehicles were observed there.
- [REDACTED] gave a service on Wellington Street and spoke about protestors using "biblical and spiritual weapons" to fight the mandates.
- A Twitter post was located directing people donating to the cause to do it via bitcoin.
- CIG received information that an individual by the name of [REDACTED] may be supplying weapons to protestors. CIG is continuing to investigate.
- CIG OSINT discovered a Twitter post displaying the rear of an encampment at 302 Coventry Road and stating that demonstrators are set up to stay a long time.
- [REDACTED] Posted on Facebook a call out to all truckers in a 12 Hr radius to come to Ottawa.

## NOTABLES for FEBRUARY 7, 2022

- For Situational Awareness – Grounds to Rideau Hall are now open to the public.
- Social media messaging suggests that individuals are collecting donated supplies in northern Ontario and transporting them to the blockade in Ottawa. The most recent post indicates they have departed North Bay and are on route.
- An online video depicts individuals, apparently at the blockade in Ottawa, discussing getting people with jerry cans to surround the police. Other social media asks people to come to the blockade and walk around with empty jerry cans to distract the police.
- Social media messaging in the name of the OTTAWA FREEDOM Collective is calling for volunteers to watch the stage in shifts to report on any suspicious activity.
- [REDACTED] has stated in an online video that they may be moving trucks to begin a slow roll.
- Social media messaging has called for peaceful protests in all jurisdictions that have provided police personnel to Ottawa.
- [REDACTED] posted a video to his Telegram account (@ragingdissent) in which he states that he has sources inside Police Services and according to his source the Feds are sending hundreds of riot cops to remove everybody no later than Friday.



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## ASSESSMENT

The situation in Ottawa remains volatile and represents a public safety threat; an officer safety threat; and, potentially, a national security threat. The available information suggests that the blockade has ample moral, logistical, and financial support to remain in place long-term.

The ongoing blockade may now be a symbol of general resistance to authority and defiance of the law and may be nurturing a broad anti-authority movement that goes beyond the issue of public health requirements for cross-border commercial truck drivers. Actions and statements by convoy organizers and others attending the blockade continue to reflect paranoia and distrust of law enforcement and government. The blockade appears to have attracted individuals and movements that are not aligned with the purported original issue of the truck drivers.

Increasing tension between individuals supporting the Ottawa blockade and citizens who are opposed to it is likely to lead to conflict. The likelihood of conflict may be increasing with the duration of the blockade, as tolerance amongst residents decreases.

The overall intelligence picture has been informed through a combination of historical information, police observations, police interactions, and open source content which includes messaging issued directly from the protest organizers. Owing to the scope, nature of the conflict, and duration of the Ottawa Freedom Convoy occupation there is no clear pathway toward reaching a satisfactory resolution that would see the protest group voluntarily end their action and depart the Ottawa area. The first and foremost barrier preventing a resolution arises from the primary objectives of the protest group, namely: the repeal of all COVID-19 public health restrictions and/or dissolution of Prime Minister Justin TRUDEAU's government. This is not an achievable objective and one that cannot be reached through negotiations; as any movement on government policy that appears to have taken place in response to pressure exerted by protesters will set an undesirable precedent. Given the scope of the protest body and the access to equipment at the ready, a forceful removal may be challenging given the physical logistics and the temperament of the protesters. Currently, and possibly supported by the duration of time protesters have been staging the occupation, both organizers and participants alike appear assured of success and do not display indicators of a willingness to disengage and depart voluntarily. They maintain high spirits and also appear to enjoy a level of influence among the anti-government movement that has emerged across the country. In this sense, any actions taken in Ottawa may result in solidarity reactions elsewhere. At present, and in Ontario, this could result in actions targeting Queen's Park, or materialize as localized actions targeting government facilities and holdings. Already, there is a large demonstration planned for Queen's Park on February 5, 2022. The coordination that is taking place between previously disparate entities banding together suggests there was a lot of outreach taking place behind the scenes prior to the launch of the Freedom Convoy / BearHug 2.0. Further, the Queen's Park event announcement somewhat coincided with the majority of Ontario police services receiving information packages in the mail from THE LINE CANADA; this could be a signal to law enforcement that more actions have been planned with a measured roll out. The possibility that protests and/or actions have been planned elsewhere in the province with a view to overwhelming/stretching law enforcement (diversion tactics to dilute police resources/capacity to respond) cannot be excluded. While the citizens of Ottawa have indicated their tolerance of the protest is waning, the continuation of police liaising appears to be a valuable strategy towards mitigating public order events and public safety threats until more can be learned about the intent and capability of the Freedom Convoy 2022 organizers and participants as whole.



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## APPROVALS

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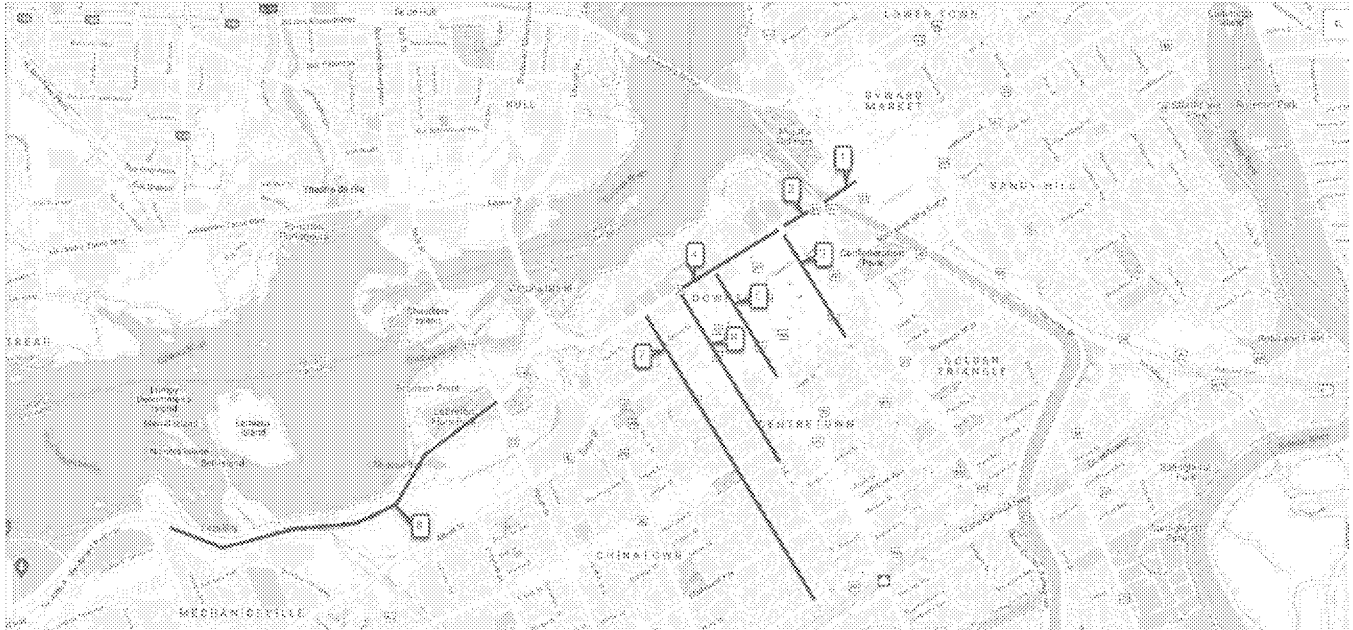




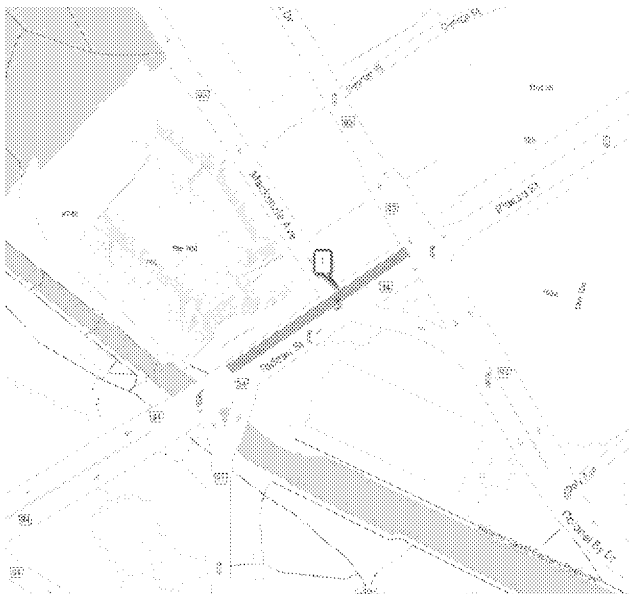
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**APPENDIX "A" - MAPS**

Map 1 – Areas 1 to 8 depicting areas where are stationed.

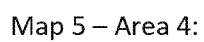
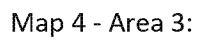


Map 2 – Area 1: Rideau & Sussex



Map 3 – Area 2:

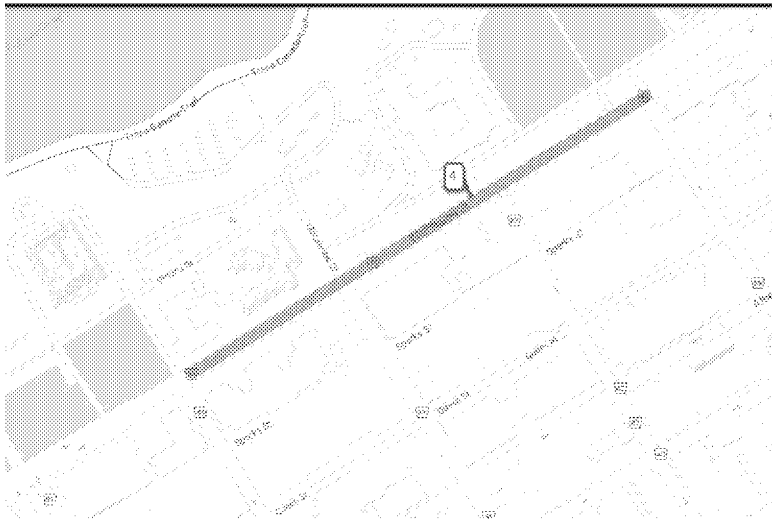
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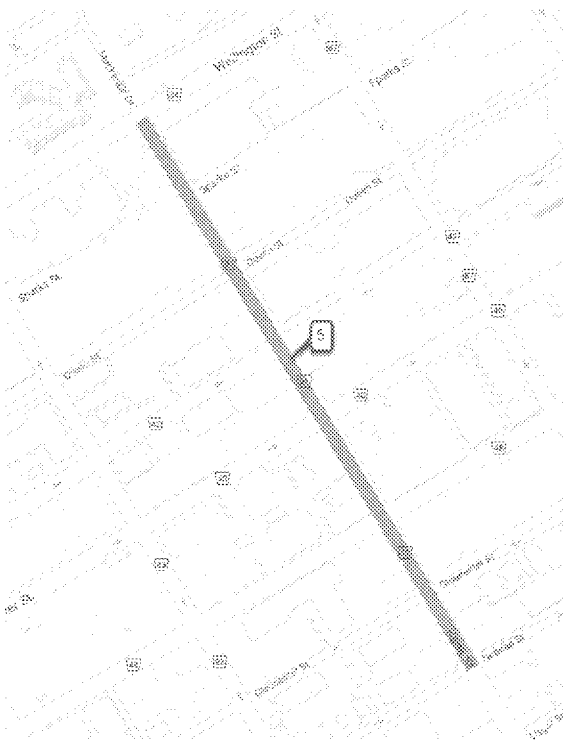
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Map 6 – Area 5:

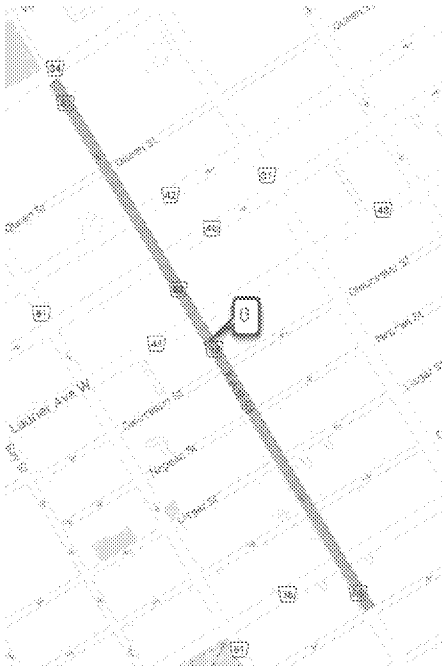


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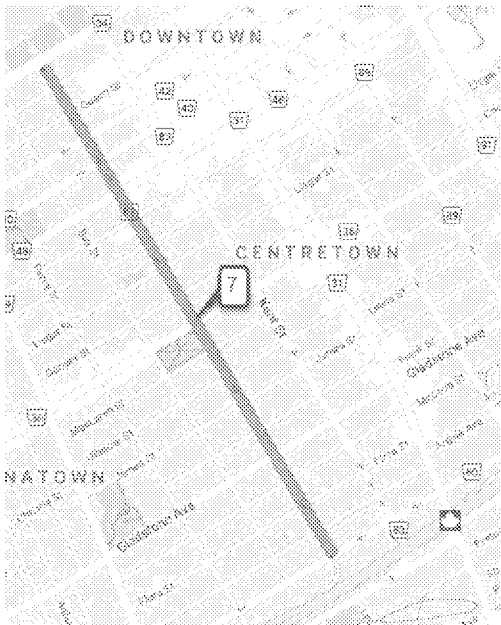
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Map 8 – Area 7:

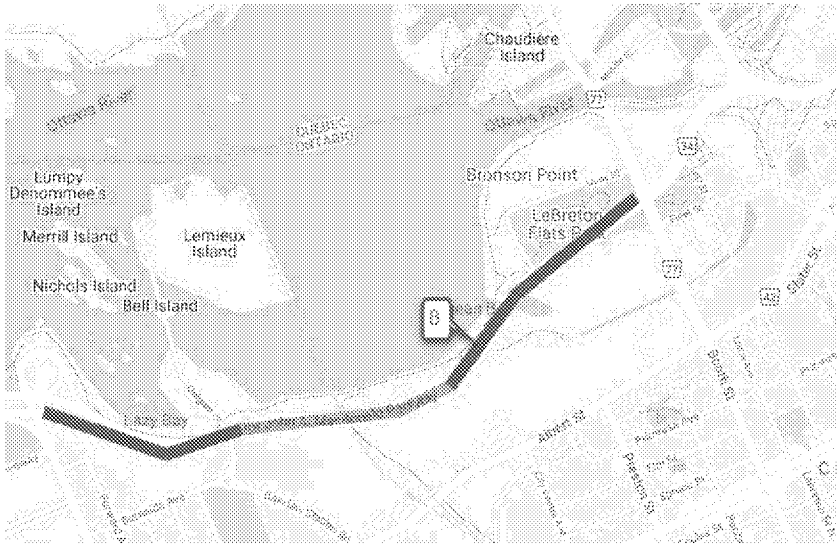


Map 9 – Area 8:

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## APPENDIX "B" – PERSONS & GROUPS

### 1. Organizers

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]
- e. [REDACTED]
- f. [REDACTED]
- g. [REDACTED]
- h. [REDACTED]

### 2. Participant groups

- a. FARFADAA: Information shared from [description]
  - i. [REDACTED]
- b. DIAGOLON:
  - i. [REDACTED]
  - ii. [REDACTED]
  - iii. [REDACTED]
  - iv. [REDACTED]
  - v. [REDACTED]
  - vi. [REDACTED]
- c. THE LINE
  - i. [REDACTED]

### 3. Influential Persons

- a. MPP Randy HILLIER
- b. [REDACTED]

### 4. Individual Demonstrators of Concern (POI SHEETS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED] – Arrested - Mischief – Released
- c. [REDACTED] (DOB not provided) – Arrested - Conspiracy to Commit; Utter Threats – Released under conditions not to be in Ottawa or near the Mayor of Ottawa;
- d. [REDACTED] Apprehended under the MHA and released;
- e. [REDACTED] – Social media making homemade fireworks - BOLO issued
- f. [REDACTED] (made threat against Chief SLOLY)